

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Supplemental to the amendments made to the specification in the Preliminary Amendment filed September 28, 2005, please replace the Summary of Invention section on page 2, line 7 through page 3, line 3 with the following amended section:

-- In consideration of the foregoing, the object of the present invention is to provide an information processing apparatus ~~for managing a network system provided with a plurality of information processing apparatuses, each of which is connected to a plurality of shared devices that can be used by at least one other information processing apparatus through the network system.~~ The information processing apparatus ~~includes~~including: (1) management means for managing information of a first shared device managed by ~~said the~~ the information processing apparatus; (2) selection means for selecting a group comprising a plurality of devices including the first shared device and a second shared device managed by another information processing apparatus; (3) reception means for receiving, ~~from another information processing apparatus,~~ information of ~~[[a]] the~~ the second shared device ~~used by~~ included in the group selected by the selection means from the other information processing apparatus, the received information including information of the second shared device comprising an updated status and a connected condition; ~~(3)~~ (4) recognition means for recognizing ~~which~~ whether at least one of the first and second shared devices has been updated regarding its status, in accordance with the information received by ~~said the~~ the reception means; ~~(4)~~ (5) renewal means for updating the information on the status and/or a connected condition of the second shared device in accordance with a recognition result

made by ~~said~~ the recognition means; and ~~(5)~~ (6) display means for displaying the information on the status and/or the connected condition of the second shared device updated by the renewal means and the information of the first shared device managed by the management means on a same screen of the display means, and a method and memory therefor.

Another aspect of the present invention provides an information processing apparatus ~~for communicating with at least one other information processing apparatus and a plurality of devices via a communication link, and managing a plurality of shared devices. The apparatus includes~~ including: (1) management means for managing information of a ~~plurality of shared devices~~ first shared device managed by the information processing apparatus; (2) selection means for selecting a group comprising a plurality of devices including the first shared device and a second shared device managed by another information processing apparatus; (3) obtaining means for obtaining, ~~from another information processing apparatus,~~ information on a status or a connected condition of ~~[[a]]~~ the second shared device managed by included in the group selected by the selection means from the other information processing apparatus; ~~(3)~~ (4) recognition means for recognizing ~~which~~ whether at least one of the first and second devices has been updated regarding its status and/or connected condition, in accordance with the information obtained by the obtaining means; and ~~(4)~~ (5) display means for displaying, on a display of the information processing apparatus, the information on the status and/or the connected condition of the second shared device, in accordance with a recognition result made by the recognition

means, and information on a status and/or a connected condition of the first shared device in accordance with the information managed by the management means, and a method and memory therefor.

Yet another aspect of the present invention provides an information processing apparatus that manages a first device, including: (1) designation means for designating a group comprising a plurality of devices including the first device and a second device managed by another information processing apparatus; (2) obtaining means for obtaining first device information on the first device from the first device, and second device information on the second device included in the group designated by the designation means from the other information processing apparatus; and (3) display means for displaying a status and/or a connected condition of the first and second devices based on the first device information and the second device information obtained by the obtaining means, and a method and memory therefor.--